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SUBJECT: NEW VOA TRANSMITTERS FOR SRI LANKA

REF: (A) STATE 271741; (B) USIA 32140; (C) COLOMBO 4245

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PASS TO VOA DEPUTY DIRECTOR HANS N. TUCH

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